

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2015

RE: S.R. No. 87

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.R.
No. 87 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO
ADOPT DEFINITIONS FOR SMALL AND LARGE FARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Board of Agriculture and Agribusiness Development Corporation
Board of Directors to adopt definitions for small and large farms.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Larry Jefts Farms,
LLC; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual.

Your Committee finds that no clear definition exists for
small farm, large farm, or bona fide farmer and defining these
terms, or similar terms, has been an ongoing discussion amongst
stakeholders. Your Committee further finds that definitions need
to be further discussed by these stakeholders and codified in
statute once the stakeholders have reached agreement.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language requesting the Board of Agriculture
and Agribusiness Development Corporation Board of



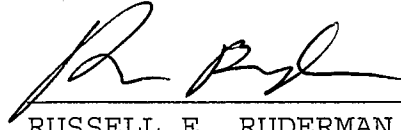
Directors to adopt definitions for small and large farms;

- (2) Inserting language requesting the Department of Agriculture to suggest definitions for small and large farms and bona fide farmers;
- (3) Inserting language asking the Department of Agriculture to attempt to ensure that the definitions of small and large farms comply with United States Department of Agriculture definitions;
- (4) Inserting language that includes personal invested capital in the definitions of small and large farms;
- (5) Inserting language to allow the Department of Agriculture to define small and large farms with substantially equivalent definitions as those contained in this measure;
- (6) Deleting language requesting the Department of Agriculture and Agribusiness Development Corporation to use the definitions for certain administrative actions;
- (7) Inserting language that requests the Department of Agriculture to report its suggested definitions to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016;
- (8) Amending the title to reflect the amended purpose; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 87, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 87, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Ruderman', is written over a horizontal line.

RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR 87</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">AGL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/31/15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <small>2312</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small></div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">G. Riviere</div>				
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